

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Kiarra Terwilliger

County: Brevard

Date of Birth: 09/28/2007

Date of Death: 03/01/2023

Report Number: 2023-070102

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Kiarra Terwilliger	15 years old	Child Victim (deceased)
██████████	7 years old	Sibling
██████████	9 years old	Sibling
Constance Terwilliger	35 years old	Mother (deceased on scene)
Michael Watson	36 years old	Father of ██████████ (deceased on scene)
Glenda Terwilliger	63 years old	Maternal Grandmother (deceased on scene)
Domenico Gigante	36 years old	Father of Kiarra

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On March 1, 2023, the 15-year-old, along with the mother, siblings' father, and grandmother, were found deceased in the home, after a 911 call was received indicating they had been found deceased from gunshot wounds in the home. The 7-year-old and 9-year-old children were found alive in the home.

According to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, the following (paraphrased) statement about the events was provided.

*"NR 23-07 Arrest Made In Canaveral Groves Homicide - March 1, 2023 - 7:39 pm
The Brevard County Sheriff's Office has arrested the 36-year-old father of the 15-year-old child for the murder of four people at a residence on Alan Shephard Avenue in Canaveral Groves. The father was taken into custody this afternoon after an arrest warrant was signed by a Judge, charging him with First Degree Premeditated Murder (4 Counts). He is currently being held at the Brevard County Jail Complex on a No Bond status.*

The decedents are identified as 63-year-old maternal grandmother, 36-year-old paramour to the mother, 35-year-old mother, and 15-year-old child, who were all living at the residence at the time of the incident.

The investigation began early this morning, after the Sheriff's Office received a 911 call advising that four people had been shot at the residence. The caller advised that he was contacted by a minor child, who also lived at the residence. The caller responded to the residence where he found the decedents, as well as two minor children, who were not injured. Deputies responded and confirmed the deaths. The two minor children are currently in the process of being reunited with other family members.

The investigation has determined that the father had a previous relationship with the mother and is the father of the 15-year-old. Evidence collected during the investigation revealed that the father left his residence on March 1, 2023, at approximately 1:00 a.m., and travelled to the victim's residence where he broke into the house and shot the victims. The father then left the victim's residence and returned home."

On March 1, 2023, Kiarra Terwilliger was pronounced deceased at 2:10 a.m.

The Brevard County Sheriff's Office investigated the death of Kiarra Terwilliger (2023-00074203). On March 1, 2023, Domenico Gigante was arrested and charged with four counts of First-Degree Premeditated Murder and the Grand Jury returned an indictment. He was also charged with Armed Burglary of a Dwelling to Inflict Death or Physical Harm. The State Attorney has filed their intention to seek the Death Penalty.

The death certificate was received on March 14, 2023, and indicated District 9 Medical Examiner Sajid S. Qaiser, M.D., signed and certified the death certificate for Kiarra Terwilliger on March 8, 2023. ME# 23-18-00221.

Cause of Death: Multiple Gunshot Wounds

Manner of Death: Homicide

On May 22, 2023, the Department of Children and Families' investigation was closed with:

- Verified Findings of Death and Physical Injury as to Kiarra Terwilliger, with Domenico Gigante as the caregiver responsible.

Other Children in the Family:

The siblings were deemed to be safe and are in the paternal grandparents' care in Volusia County. Grief counseling information was provided to the family. The grandparents obtained temporary guardianship through family [REDACTED]

Summary of Current Agency Involvement with Family

The family did not have any open services.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The family does not have any prior abuse report history.



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